

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-14 (canceled)

15 (original) A method for monitoring a field of view for visible changes, comprising in combination the steps of:

 taking a manually set benchmark image in a predetermined manner of the field of view to be monitored;

 dividing the benchmark image into a plurality of cells;

 taking a second image in the predetermined manner of the field of view to be monitored after creating the benchmark image;

 dividing the second image into the plurality of cells;

 giving each cell of the benchmark image a numerical value based upon the information in each cell;

 giving each cell of the second image a numerical value based upon the information in each cell; and

 comparing the sum of the cells of the second image to the sum of cells in the benchmark image.